REMARKS

In view of the newly submitted claims, and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.111, Applicants request further examination of the present patent application.

Applicants request entry of new claims 14 to 31. After entry of the new claims, Applicants request cancellation of claims 3 and 4. If, for any reason, new claims 14 to 31 are not entered, Applicants withdraw their request to cancel claims 3 and 4 to ensure that claims are pending in the case. All other claims have previously been deemed withdrawn.

The rejections listed in the office action dated October 3, 2003 are all directed to claims 3 and 4. Those claims have been cancelled, and the rejections are therefore obviated. Applicants have submitted new claims which they wish to have examined.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 02-2958. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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